I also request you to kindly direct the hon. Minister for Information and Broadcasting to sanction the posts immediately and start the TV centre as early as possible.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (Chhapra) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government specifically towards this matter. We have been a witness to worse conditions and terrorist activities in Punjab in the last ten years. We have also witnessed the rising terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir for the last ten years and the manner in which the focus of terrorists is shifting towards the states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh which are adjacent to the border of Nepal, is alarming and I feel that the Government should pay attention towards it. Due to increase in the Activities of I.S.I. across the borders of Bihar adjoining Nepal a situation worse than Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir is likely to emerge in the coming three to five years. We have been receiving reports from the people living in that border area, especially from M.P.s hailing from that area, that foreign intruders are trying to increase terrorist activities in the whole country by entering through that area alongwith sophisticated weapons.

I urge upon the Government to keep a vigil over the areas of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar adjoining Nepal and the Govt. of Bihar may, especially be directed to keep a close watch on the activities of these people. I also urge upon the Central Government to keep a vigil over their activities.

[English]

SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY (Tripura West) : Sir, Tripura has been facing problems due to extremist activities with the resources at its command. The insurgent activities of the extremists have recently been stepped up. The extremists have also ecquired and have been using sophisticated weapons, such as AK-47, AK-56 and LMGs. Some of the serious incidents include ambush and killing of two TSF personnel near Barkathal under Sidhai Police Station on November 6, 1996; kidnapping of five persons and subsequent recovery of their dead bodies on November 11, 1996 in Burburia under Birgang Police Station; attack on the vehicle of Forest Minister, Tripura on November 23, 1996, and ambush and killing of three CISF personnel at Bagbari under Jirania Police Station on November 25, 1996.

In the recent past few days, several incidents have taken place in the interior areas which indicate killing, injuring or kidnapping of non-tribals by the extremists. During the period of three weeks from November 6 1996, more than 20 persons have been kidnapped. This has led to localised ethnic tension and apprehension in the minds of general population. This prevailing situation cannot be ignored in view of the possibility of ethnic violence in different parts of the State, specially those having mixed population.

The Assam Rifles are well versed with the terrain of the State and have been handling the situation effectively. It may be pointed out that three Battalions of Assam Rifles have their permanent headquarters in the State of Tripura as follows: 22 Battalion with headquarters at Ambassa; 23 Battalion with headquarters at Udaiped; and 26 Battalion with headquarters at Agartala.

It is understood that these forces are now posted at Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir and Nagaland, respectively. Therefore, these three Battalions of Assam Rifles having their permanent headquarters in Tripura but deployed elsewhere should be restored immediately in the State.

Sixty companies of CRPF had been deployed in the State. On the eve of election in Uttar Pradesh, 15 companies had been withdrawn. Of them, 10 companies are yet to be returned to the State. This has created a gap in the security cover in the State which ha resulted in the recent spate of extremist violence in the State. Hence, 10 companies of CRPF should be returned to the State immediately.

There are only seven BSF Battalion in Tripura against the sanctioned strength of 11 Battalions which is most inadequate for the long border area of Tripura. So, there should be immediate restoration of the authorised strength of BSF on Tripura-Bangladesh border and setting up of more BOPs at identified stretches of the border which are frequently used by extremists to sneak into Bangladesh.

So, my humble request to the Government of India is about the urgent need for redeployment of three Battalions of BSF, three Battalions of Assam Rifles and ten companies of CRPF - withdrawn for Assembly Election in Uttar Pradesh and to maintain the law and order situation in Manipur, Nagaland and Jammu and Kashmir.

[Translation]

DR. M.P. JAISWAL (Bettiah) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the entry of vehicles having Indian registration number into Veerganj city of Nepal located along the Indo-Nepal border has been restricted after a new traffic rule enacted by the Nepal Government. As per this rule, the Indian vehicles would be required to get a temporary Nepali registration number to enter the Nepal. Indian vehicles without Nepali registration number be seized and strict action would be taken against them. Nepali custom officers used to collect tax from Indian Vehicles in an arbitrary manner before entering Nepal, due to which Indian vehicles had to face difficulty in entering Nepal. The entry of Indian vehicles has almost been restricted by enacting this new traffic rule.

It was decided in the Indo-Nepal Friendship Treaty that the citizens of both the countries would be able to run their vehicles freely within the radius of 3 kilometers